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ABSTRACT

This guide provides information on 42 directories that list over 20,000 nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Latin America and the Caribbean. Listings cover NGOs in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Caribbean Region, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela. Most organizations are involved in rural and community development, agricultural cooperatives, training, nonformal education programs, environmental education, technical assistance, marketing services, and social programs. Through NGOs and the networks they have created, developing countries now have access to human, informational, and financial resources previously unavailable. Learning how to mobilize these resources is likely to be the key to the speed, quality, and sustainability of development. Entries include title, publisher, date of publication, address, and a brief description. (LP)

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The growth of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Latin America and the Caribbean in recent years has been nothing less than explosive. Not only have these organizations increased in number, but the scope and impact of their work has expanded enormously. Still, the potential of NGOs to enhance their contribution to development in their countries is far from exhausted. The challenge for the future will be to harness this vast associational energy in the pursuit of self-sustaining economic, social, and political progress.

Since 1971, the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) has supported thousands of NGOs in Latin America and the Caribbean and thus contributed to this upsurge in associational activity. The Foundation has long believed that these organizations represent valuable agents of change as the region's developing societies struggle to build more participatory democracies and productive economies. Over the years, however, the IAF has found even this to be a limited vision of the important role NGOs can play in development. Through them and the networks they have created, developing countries now have access to a world of human, informational, and financial resources that was previously unavailable. And ultimately, learning how to mobilize these resources is likely to be the key to the speed, quality, and sustainability of development.

This guide to NGO directories is just one way in which the Foundation is contributing to the construction of the informational infrastructure required to tap this very valuable resource. Although the guide cites only 42 directories of Latin American and Caribbean NGOs, taken together the listings represent over 20,000 groups of people - nearly double the number in the first 1990 edition - all of whom are working to improve the standards of living of their members, communities, and countries. The Foundation offers this guide as a reference to all development practitioners and researchers with this same common goal, be they representatives of NGOs, private businesses, governments, or international foreign aid agencies.

For copies of the directories, please contact the organizations that publish them. Any information on new or updated directories that may have been omitted would be appreciated for a future edition.

The Inter-American Foundation is pleased to make this guide available to all who are working for sustained development. It is hoped that sharing this information with individuals and institutions pursuing a common goal will help NGOs realize their vast potential as catalysts in the development process.

—George A. Evans, *President*

Argentina

Title: Directorio de Organizaciones No-Gubernamentales Argentinas de Promoción y Desarrollo-Actualización

Publisher: Grupo de Análisis y Desarrollo Institucional y Social (GADIS)

Date: 1994

Address: Paraguay 1307, 8° Piso, Oficina 70
(1057) Buenos Aires, Argentina

Telephone: 812-9439

Fax: 814-2841

Description: A directory of names, addresses, and program areas of 210 Argentine NGOs.

Belize

See Caribbean Region

Bolivia

Title: Repertorio de Instituciones de Capacitación en Bolivia

Publisher: Centro de Integración de Medios de Comunicación (CIMCA)

Date: 1992

Address: Calle Riobamba No. 658 (San Pedro)
Casilla 11365
La Paz, Bolivia

Telephone: 328318

Description: A directory of over 100 Bolivian NGOs that have training and nonformal education programs. Entries are organized by region and include each organization's objectives, program areas, and a brief institutional history.

Brazil

Title: ONG's um Perfil - Cadastro das filiadas à Associação Brasileira de ONGs

Publisher: Associação Brasileira de Organizações Não-Governamentais (ABONG)

Date: 1994

Address: Rua Vicente De Souza, 24 (Botafogo)
22251 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

Telephone: 286-2979

Description: An annotated directory of 160 leading developmental NGOs and members of the Brazilian Association of NGOs, which includes data on the goals, activities, staff size, budget, and evaluation mechanisms of each organization.

Title: Cadastro Nacional de Instituições Ambientalistas

Publisher: Movimento Ecológico Mater Natura and the World Wildlife Foundation

Date: 1992

Address: WWF - Fundo Mundial para a Natureza
SHIS - Q L 6/8 Conj. E, 2º andar
71620 Brasília, DF, Brazil

Telephone: 248-2899

Description: A directory of names and addresses of 1,891 organizations (358 governmental institutions and 1,533 NGOs) associated with the protection of the environment in Brazil.

Brazil (continued)

Title: **Sem Fins Lucrativos: As Organizações Não-Governamentais no Brasil**

Publisher: Instituto de Estudos da Religião (ISER)

Date: 1988

Address: Ladeira da Glória, 98, Caixa Postal 16011
22211 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

Description: A comprehensive discussion of the role and work of NGOs in Brazil followed by a listing of over 1,000 Brazilian NGOs. Entries are divided into three sectors: environmental groups, those oriented toward women, and a broad category called *a serviço do movimento popular*, which includes those involved in education, human rights, land reform, community development, the arts, and numerous other activities. Notes on program areas and beneficiary types are included.

Caribbean Region

Title: **Developing the Rural Network: A Directory of Rural Development Resources in the Caribbean**

Publisher: The Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD)

Date: 1989

Address: c/o Department of Agricultural Economics and
Farm Management
University of the West Indies
St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies

Description: A directory of some 150 country-specific agencies at work in the Caribbean island nations and Belize, and a listing of sub-regional, regional, and international agencies at work in the Caribbean. Includes both NGOs and government agencies.

Title: **Non-Governmental Women's Organizations and National Machinery for Improving the Status of Women: A Directory for the Caribbean Region (preliminary version)**

Publisher: General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS)

Date: 1989

Address: 1889 F Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006, U.S.A.

Description: A listing of over 100 NGOs involved in general community development as well as women's issues in the Caribbean. Includes each organization's program area.

Chile

Title: **Directorio de Instituciones de Chile**

Publisher: SILBER Editores Limitada

Date: 1994

Address: Pérez Valenzuela 1520, Oficina 401
Santiago, Chile

Telephone: 236-1406

Fax: 235-0662

Description: Chapter 14 of this publication lists 176 NGOs at work in Chile, organized by program areas. Entries include current staff information.

Chile (continued)

Title: Catastro de Desarrollo Rural: Organizaciones No Gubernamentales, Chile 1992

- Publisher:** Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)
- Date:** 1993
- Address:** Leopoldo Urrutia, Casilla 3213
Santiago, Chile
- Telephone:** 225-9938, 225-7357, 225-6955
- Fax:** 274-1004
- Description:** A guide to 86 NGOs working in Chile. The history and development of NGOs in Chile is outlined, as well as the factors that define their function. Entries for each NGO profiled include its genesis, aid strategy, address, and the size of the organization and its group of beneficiaries. Lists of NGOs aiding specific geographic areas, ethnic groups, and types of projects, as well as a list of intermediaries working between the Chilean government and rural NGOs is also provided.
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Title: Instituciones de Fomento y de Apoyo a Talleres Productivos y Pequeñas Empresas o Negocios

- Publisher:** Finanzas Internacionales y Nacionales para la Mujer (FINAM), the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and the Departamento de Economía, Universidad de Chile
- Date:** 1993
- Address:** FINAM
M. Montt 101
Santiago, Chile
- Telephone:** 235-1330, 235-1331, 235-1332
- Fax:** same as above
- Description:** A directory of 75 NGOs working in Chile, principally in the small business sector in the Santiago region. Entries include services offered, staff profile, and information on beneficiaries.

Title: Registro de Fichas de Identificación de los Organismos No Gubernamentales (ONG) de Chile

- Publisher:** Ministerio de Planificación y Cooperación (MIDEPLAN)
- Date:** 1992
- Address:** Ahumada 48
Santiago, Chile
- Telephone:** 722033
- Fax:** 721879
- Description:** A two-volume guide to NGOs operating throughout Chile. The first volume lists 161 organizations in Regiones I to XII, and the second volume deals exclusively with 193 nongovernmental organizations based in the capital. Entries include the address, year of creation, and the director of each of the organizations, as well as the objectives and the principal projects it funds.

Colombia

Title: Directorio Nacional de Organismos No Gubernamentales-ONG- de Colombia

- Publisher:** Fundación Social
- Date:** 1993
- Address:** Apartado Aéreo 39274
Bogotá, Colombia
- Telephone:** 211-46-00
- Fax:** 217-41-41
- Description:** A directory of names and addresses for 5,000 NGOs working in Colombia, of which 1,410 are of Colombian origin. The directory is divided into three main sections, showing the regional distribution, institutional form, and methods of intervention of each of the NGOs listed.

Colombia (continued)

Title: **Directorio Nacional de Entidades Sin Ánimo de Lucro de Beneficio Social**

Publisher: Centro Colombiano de Información de Entidades Sin Ánimo de Lucro de Beneficio Social (CIDESAL)

Date: 1990

Address: Apartado Aéreo 39274
Bogotá, Colombia

Telephone: 227-63-86

Description: A directory of names and addresses of 5,346 NGOs at work in Colombia, organized by geographic region.

Costa Rica

Title: **Directorio Parcial de Organizaciones Privadas Voluntarias**

Publisher: Coalición Costarricense de Iniciativas de Desarrollo (CINDE)

Date: 1986

Address: Asociación Costarricense para Organizaciones de Desarrollo (ACORDE)
Apartado 104
2070 San José, Costa Rica

Telephone: 210-929

Description: A directory of 74 Costa Rican NGOs, including program areas and geographic regions in which they work.

Title: Grupos Asociativos Femeninos con Fines Económicos: Inventario Nacional

Publisher: Centro de Orientación Familiar (COF)
Date: 1985
Address: Apartado 6808
San José, Costa Rica
Telephone: 210-029
Description: A listing of 470 Costa Rican women's groups, organized by geographic region.

Dominica (See also Caribbean Region)

Title: Profiles of Farmer Organizations in Dominica

Publisher: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)
Date: 1989
Address: Ministry of Agriculture
Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica
Telephone: 448-4502
Description: A listing of 26 farmer organizations in Dominica, including detailed information on the organizational history, objectives, areas of specialization, operations, and marketing experience of each.

Dominican Republic (See also Caribbean Region)

Title: **Directorio de Instituciones Privadas de Interés Social de la República Dominicana 1986-1988**

Publisher: Centro Dominicano de Organizaciones de Interés Social (CEDOIS)

Date: 1988

Address: Rafael A. Sánchez No. 52, Ens. Naco
Apartado Postal 745-2
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Telephone: 565-4014, 541-8092

Description: A directory of 119 local agencies, including program areas, funding sources, and geographic area of activity. Also includes a list of 31 international agencies working in the Dominican Republic.

Ecuador

Title: **Directorio de Organizaciones No Gubernamentales Dedicadas al Desarrollo en el Ecuador**

Publisher: Fundación Alternativas para el Desarrollo (ALTERNATIVA) and Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (PNUD)

Date: 1994

Address: Fundación Alternativas para el Desarrollo
Casilla 17-11-06398
Quito, Ecuador

Telephone: 468-511, 468-512

Fax: 449-464

Description: A directory of approximately 300 Ecuadorian NGOs, each with a half-page description of activities and areas of involvement.

**Title: Foro de Organizaciones Privadas Sin Fines de Lucro
Realizado el Día 7 de Septiembre de 1989--Nómina de
Instituciones Participantes**

Publisher: Fundación Eugenio Espejo

Date: 1989

Address: Vaca Galindo 714 y Noguchi
A.A. 4557
Guayaquil, Ecuador

Telephone: 349-613, 342-727

Description: A photocopied list of names and addresses of 30 national and international NGOs working in Ecuador.

El Salvador

**Title: Directorio de Investigaciones Privadas de Desarrollo de El
Salvador 1992**

Publisher: Programa de Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo
(PNUD)

Date: 1992

Address: 79 Av. Norte y Pasaje Itsmania No. 406
Colonia Escalón, San Salvador, El Salvador

Telephone: 98-6202, 98-0203

Description: A listing of 732 institutions, in which 42 Asociaciones de Desarrollo Comunal (ADESCO), 517 Associations, 6 councils, 14 committees, 20 corporations, 93 foundations and 40 charitable institutions are mentioned. The directory's intent is to provide information that facilitates communication, interinstitutional coordination, and optimization of resources.

Grenada

See Caribbean Region

Guatemala

Title: Directorio de Organizaciones Privadas Voluntarias de Servicio a la Comunidad de Guatemala

Publisher: Fundación para el Desarrollo de Guatemala (FUNDESA)

Date: 1989

Address: Ruta 6, 9-21, Zona 4
Edificio Cámara de Industria, 9º nivel
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Description: A listing of over 150 Guatemalan NGOs, indexed by program area, geographic region of activities, and location of each organization's headquarters.

Haiti

Title: ONG 93: Répertoire des Organisations Non-Gouvernementales Reconnues par l'Etat Haitien

Publisher: Haitian Association of Voluntary Agencies (HAVA)

Date: 1993

Address: 9, Rue Chochotte, Babiole
B.P. 2481
Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Telephone: 45-11-86, 45-86-05, 45-86-56

Fax: 45-36-29

Description: A directory of 146 NGOs working in Haiti that are recognized by the national government through 1993. Each listing includes name, address, contact persons, and areas of intervention within the country.

Honduras

Title: **Directorio de Organizaciones Privadas de Desarrollo de Honduras**

Publisher: Federación de Organizaciones Privadas de Desarrollo de Honduras (FOPRIDEH)

Date: 1992

Address: Apartado Postal 3348
Tegucigalpa D.C., Honduras

Description: A directory of more than 300 NGOs working in Honduras, some of them affiliated with FOPRIDEH, all of which are recognized by the national government.

Title: **AGENDA 93 - Cultura Popular Tradicional Hondureña**

Publisher: Centro de Comunicación y Capacitación para el Desarrollo (COMUNICA)

Date: 1993

Address: Apartado Postal 3457
Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Description: An annual publication of photographs that show cultural, ethnological and ethnic projects in Honduras, as well as a listing of the addresses and telephone numbers of the country's most recognized NGOs.

Jamaica (See also Caribbean Region)

Title: A Handbook of the Social Services in Jamaica

Publisher: Council of Voluntary Social Services (CVSS)

Date: 1987

Address: 13 Barbados Ave.
Kingston 5, Jamaica

Telephone: 926-9145

Description: A listing by program area of 168 national NGOs and international agencies that work in Jamaica. Each entry includes a brief history and description of organizational objectives and activities.

Latin American & Caribbean Region

Title: Natural Resources Directory, Latin America and the Caribbean

Publisher: Partners of the Americas

Date: 1988

Address: 1424 K Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20005, U.S.A.

Telephone: (202) 628-3300

Fax: (202) 628-3306

Description: A directory of some 400 nongovernmental, governmental, and educational organizations involved in environmental and natural resource research and management. Entries are organized by country and include a brief description of each organization's areas of activity.

Title: Directory of Development Research and Training Institutes in Latin America

Publisher: Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Date: 1984

Address: 2, rue André-Pascal
75775 PARIS CEDEX 16, France

Description: A listing of 426 development and development-research organizations in Latin America. Entries include information on program areas and geographic locations in which each organization works.

Title: Guía de Fundaciones y Organizaciones afines de Centroamérica

Publisher: Fundación Arias para la Paz y el Progreso Humano

Date: 1992

Address: Apartado 8-6410-1000
San José, Costa Rica

Description: A guide to NGOs working throughout the Central American region. Listings include the name and address of each organization.

Mexico

Title: Directorio de Instituciones Filantrópicas

Publisher: Centro Mexicano de Instituciones Filantrópicas

Date: 1990

Address: Campos Elíseos 400, Piso PH-1
11000 Mexico City, Mexico

Telephone: 876-0222, 876-0510

Fax: 876-0214

Description: A directory of 608 national and 364 foreign NGOs working in Mexico. Includes program area, geographic region of activities, and publications by each organization.

Title: Sociedad Civil y Pueblos Emergentes: Las Organizaciones Autónomas de Promoción Social y Desarrollo en México

Publisher: Promoción del Desarrollo Popular, A.C.

Date: 1988

Address: Tláloc 40-3, Col. Tlaxpana
11370 Mexico City, Mexico

Telephone: 566-4265, 535-0325, 592-1989

Description: An analysis of the role and work of NGOs in Mexico, and a directory of over 500 Mexican NGOs and their addresses.

Title: The Border Guide: Institutions and Organizations of the United States-Mexico Borderlands

Publisher: Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS) Books

Date: 1992

Address: University of Texas at Austin
Austin, TX 78712-1195

Telephone: (512) 471-2139

Fax: (512) 471-9639

Description: Provides comprehensive listings of organizations in the United States and Mexico, including government agencies, business groups, chambers of commerce, newspapers, television stations, libraries, and border-studies programs. Also gives an overview of the border region, with brief histories of its cities, counties, and *municipios*. Includes a border-studies bibliography and library research guide.

Nicaragua

Title: Directorio ONG de Nicaragua

Publisher: Centro de Apoyo a Programas y Proyectos (CAPRI)

Date: 1990

Address: Del Restaurante Los Comerciales, 1 cuadra al
lago, 1/2 cuadra abajo, Casa No. J-13
Las Brisas, Managua, Nicaragua

Telephone: 661371

Fax: 661371

Description: A directory of names, addresses, and basic facts about 174 Nicaraguan NGOs. The directory is divided into three sections: a category index, a regional index, and an alphabetical listing. The introduction discusses the development of NGOs in Nicaragua and traces their stages of growth to the present.

Paraguay

Title: Directorio de Organizaciones Privadas de Desarrollo en el Paraguay

Publisher: Centro de Información y Recursos para el Desarrollo (CIRD)

Date: 1991

Address: Curupayty 226, Casilla de Correo 3147
Asunción, Paraguay

Telephone: 22-941

Fax: 212-540

Description: A listing of 238 Paraguayan NGOs including general information, program areas, types of activities, staff, and publications by each organization. The directory is broken down by geographic area.

Peru

Title: Directorio Ambiental Peruano

Publisher: PROTERRA-GTZ

Date: 1993

Address: Avenida Esteban Campodonico, No. 208
Urb. Santa Catalina
Apartado Postal 2731
Lima 100, Peru

Description: A bilingual (English and Spanish) directory of 145 NGOs involved in environmental programs in Peru.

Title: Directorio de Organizaciones No Gubernamentales de Desarrollo

Publisher: Asociación Nacional de Centros (ANC)
Date: 1991
Address: Avenida Pablo Bermúdez 234, Jesús María
Lima 11, Peru
Telephone: 333-477
Fax: 333-470
Description: List of 430 Peruvian NGOs, divided by geographic area and by type of work.

Title: Peru: Las Organizaciones No Gubernamentales (ONG)

Publisher: Centro de Estudios y Promoción del Desarrollo (DESCO)
Date: 1994
Address: León de la Fuente 110
Lima 17, Peru
Telephone: 627193
Description: A directory of 897 NGOs working in Peru. Listings include the address and telephone number of each institution, as well as the types of projects and communities that it targets. Indices group the organizations by geographic region, targeted population, and areas of work.

St. Lucia (See also Caribbean Region)

Title: Profiles of Farmer Organizations in St. Lucia

Publisher: Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA)

Date: 1989

Address: P.O. Box 1223, Choc Bay
Castries, St. Lucia, West Indies

Telephone: 452-5482, 452-1688

Description: A listing of 17 farmer organizations in St. Lucia, including detailed information on the organizational history, objectives, areas of specialization, operations, and marketing experience of each.

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

See Caribbean Region

Tobago

Title: Tobago Profiles

Publisher: Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD)

Date: 1990

Address: c/o Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management
The University of the West Indies
St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies

Description: A directory of 14 NGOs engaged in rural and community development in Tobago, including the organizational history, activities, and methodology of each.

Uruguay

Title: Organizaciones No-Gubernamentales de Uruguay

Publisher: Instituto de Comunicación y Desarrollo (ICD)

Date: 1994

Address: Av. 18 de Julio 1431, Oficina 601
11200 Montevideo, Uruguay

Telephone: 91-16-46

Description: A directory of 103 NGOs involved in development in Uruguay, including each organization's areas of activity and publications.

Title: Unidades de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales en el Uruguay: Directorio General

Publisher: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Uruguay (FESUR)

Date: 1987

Address: Juan Carlos Gómez 1309
Montevideo, Uruguay

Telephone: 95-75-73, 95-75-07

Description: A listing of 142 NGOs in Uruguay, including type of institution, principal areas of activity, and publications.

Venezuela

Title: **Data Social: Directorio de Asociaciones de Ayuda Comunitaria en Venezuela (1990-1991)**

Publisher: Agrupación Pro Calidad de Vida

Date: 1991

Address: Centro Profesional del Este, 2º. sótano, Ofc. 8
Final Calle Villa Flor
Sabana Grande
Caracas, Venezuela

Telephone: 2833366, 2831644

Description: A directory of 351 Venezuelan NGOs that support social development projects within Venezuela.

Title: **Organizaciones Sin Fines de Lucro en Venezuela**

Publisher: CORDIPLAN

Date: 1990

Address: Torre Oeste, Piso 20, Parque Central
Caracas, Venezuela

Telephone: 5077661

Description: A listing of 300 Venezuelan NGOs at work in Venezuela.

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